

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING ACCESS FOR
AN END USER IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for managing network access is provided that includes a billing system element operable to receive one or more packets of a communication flow and 5 to communicate with a price server. The price server is operable to receive a query from the billing system element associated with a pricing parameter relating to a data segment to be accessed by an end user associated with the communication flow. The price server is also 10 operable to return a response to the billing system element that includes the pricing parameter relating to the data segment such that the end user can verify the pricing parameter before accessing the data segment.